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A multiprotocol encapsulation (MPE) encapsulator (6) receives or generates a copy or partial copy (10') of service information data (10) and generates associated forward error correction (FEC) data. In addition to transmitting service information data in a conventional way via a first set of channels, the MPE encapsulator transmits the copy 10' and the associated FEC data via a second set of channels.

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